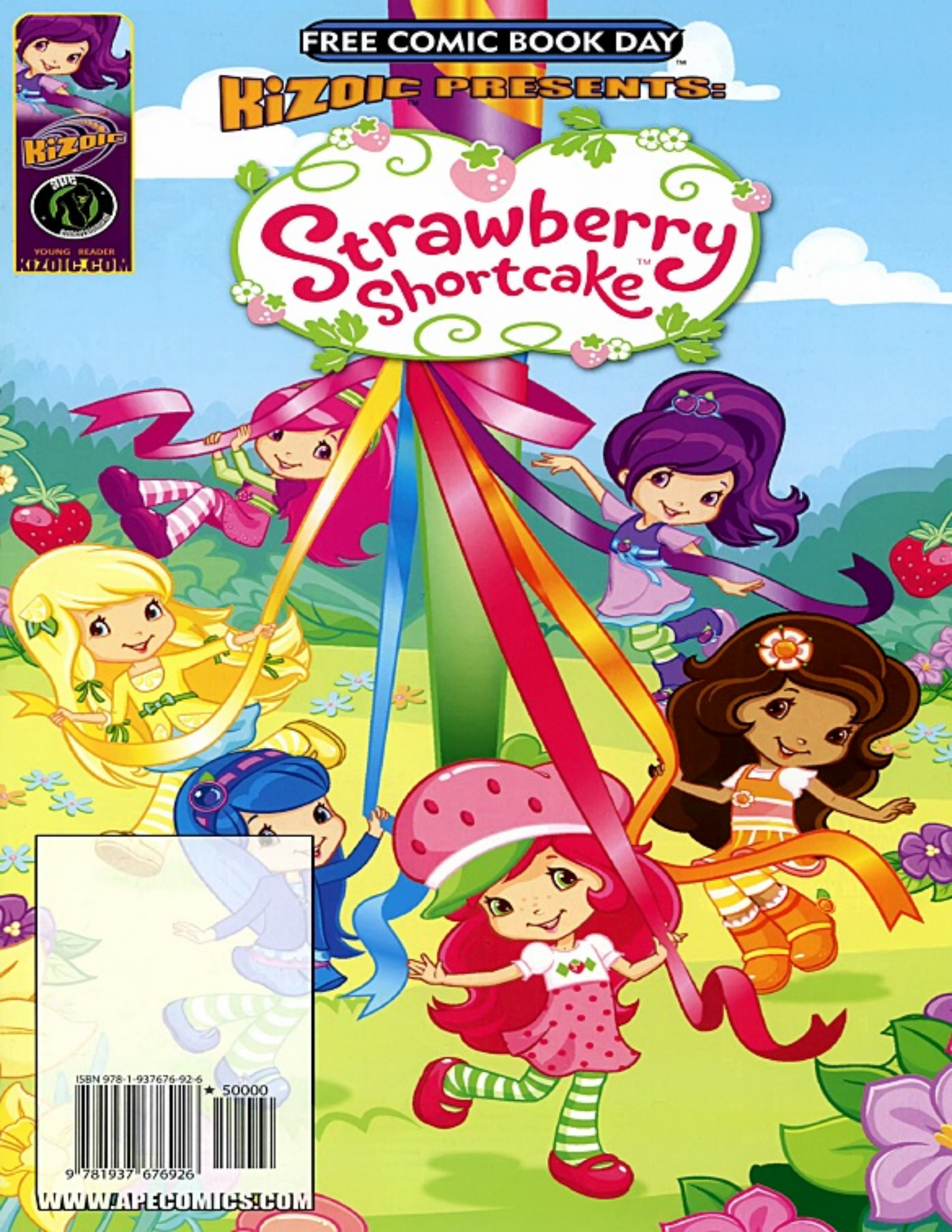
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THE FLU? I CAN'T HAVE THE FLU!
IT'S ALMOST LUNCHTIME, AND I HAVE TO RUN THE CAFE!
DON'T WORRY, STRAWBERRY...
...WE'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING!
REALLY? BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR STORE? AND THE SALON?
OH, I CAN CLOSE THE ORANGE MART FOR A FEW HOURS TO HELP A FRIEND.
AND I CAN RESCHEDULE MY APPOINTMENTS UNTIL YOU GET BETTER!
IT WILL BE OUR PLEASURE!!!
YOU TWO...
=KAFF= =KAFF=
...ARE THE BERRY BEST FRIENDS A GIRL COULD HAVE.
HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?
NO THANKS NECESSARY!
JUST GO UPSTAIRS, TUCK YOURSELF INTO BED AND GET WELL!

ARE YOU READY?
YOU BET!
ONE STRAWBERRY SHAKE, COMING RIGHT UP!
HERE'S YOUR SANDWICH, RASPBERRY!
THANK YOU BERRY MUCH! IT LOOKS GREAT!
SPECI
AND WHAT CAN I GET YOU?
A CUP OF PASSION FRUIT TEA, PLEASE. AND TOAST, WITH JAM ON THE SIDE.
WHAT FLAVOR?
BLUEBERRY, OF COURSE!
Menu
HOW ABOUT AN ORANGE SMOOTHIE, ORANGE?
MY SPECIALTY! COMING RIGHT UP!
THIS IS THE BEST SANDWICH I'VE EVER HAD! MY COMPLIMENTS TO THE CHEF!
I'LL BE SURE TO TELL HER!
WE'RE A HIT! STRAWBERRY WILL BE SO... UH OH!
WAY TO GO, PLUM!
NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER!

THANKS AGAIN FOR A WONDERFUL LUNCH!
WHEW! I HAD FUN, BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW BUSY WE WERE!
RUNNING A CAFÉ IS A LOT HARDER THAN RUNNING A SALON. I DON'T KNOW HOW STRAWBERRY DOES IT!
COME ON, YOU TWO...
... WE'RE NOT DONE JUST YET!
LET'S FINISH UP SO WE CAN GO UPSTAIRS AND CHECK ON STRAWBERRY!
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN, PLUM!
ABSOLUTELY! WE PROMISED TO HELP STRAWBERRY SO SHE COULD GET HEALTHY, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO!
SO HOW ARE YOU FEELING, STRAWBERRY?
A LOT BETTER, ORANGE, THANKS FOR ASKING.
AND THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP TODAY! IT REALLY MADE A DIFFERENCE.
DON'T MENTION IT! WE HAD A BLAST!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU GUYS COME BACK TO THE CAFÉ TOMORROW?
UM, REALLY?
SURE! BUT THIS TIME...
...THE SMOOTHIES ARE ON ME!
The End

The Hunt for BLACKBERRY'S Treasure
HEY, EVERYONE— COME QUICK!
WHAT IS IT, BLUEBERRY?
I WAS GOING THROUGH A BIN OF OLD BOOKS THAT NEEDED REBINDING AND I FOUND THIS— IT'S A MAP!
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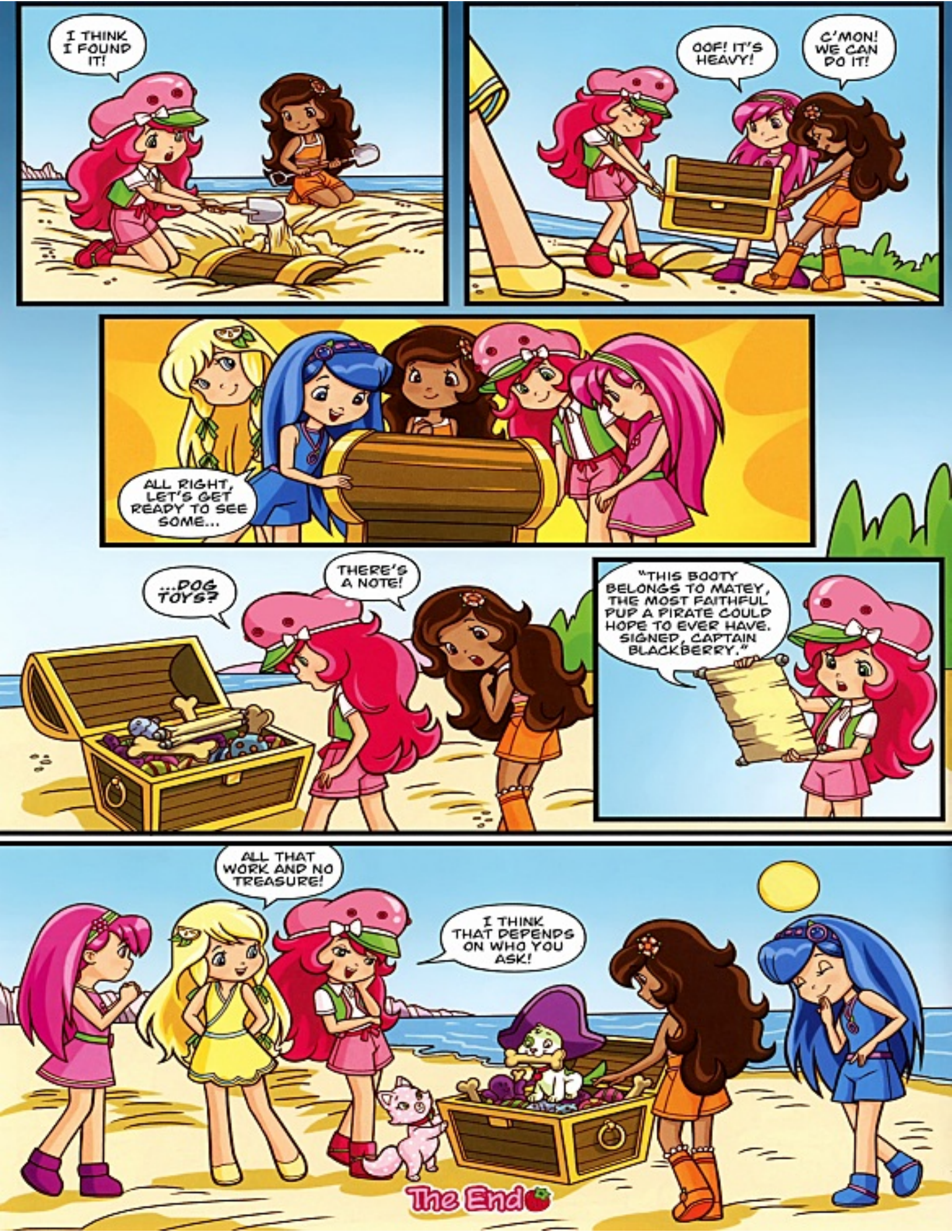
IT'S SUGAR BEACH! I RECOGNIZE THE COASTLINE.
AND LOOK AT THIS RED X -- I THINK IT'S A TREASURE MAP!
BUT WE WERE JUST THERE, BLUEBERRY. AND ALL WE FOUND WAS A CHEST OF SEASHELLS!*.
*SEE LAST ISSUE'S "THE SWEET LEGEND OF BLACKBERRY'S TREASURE"

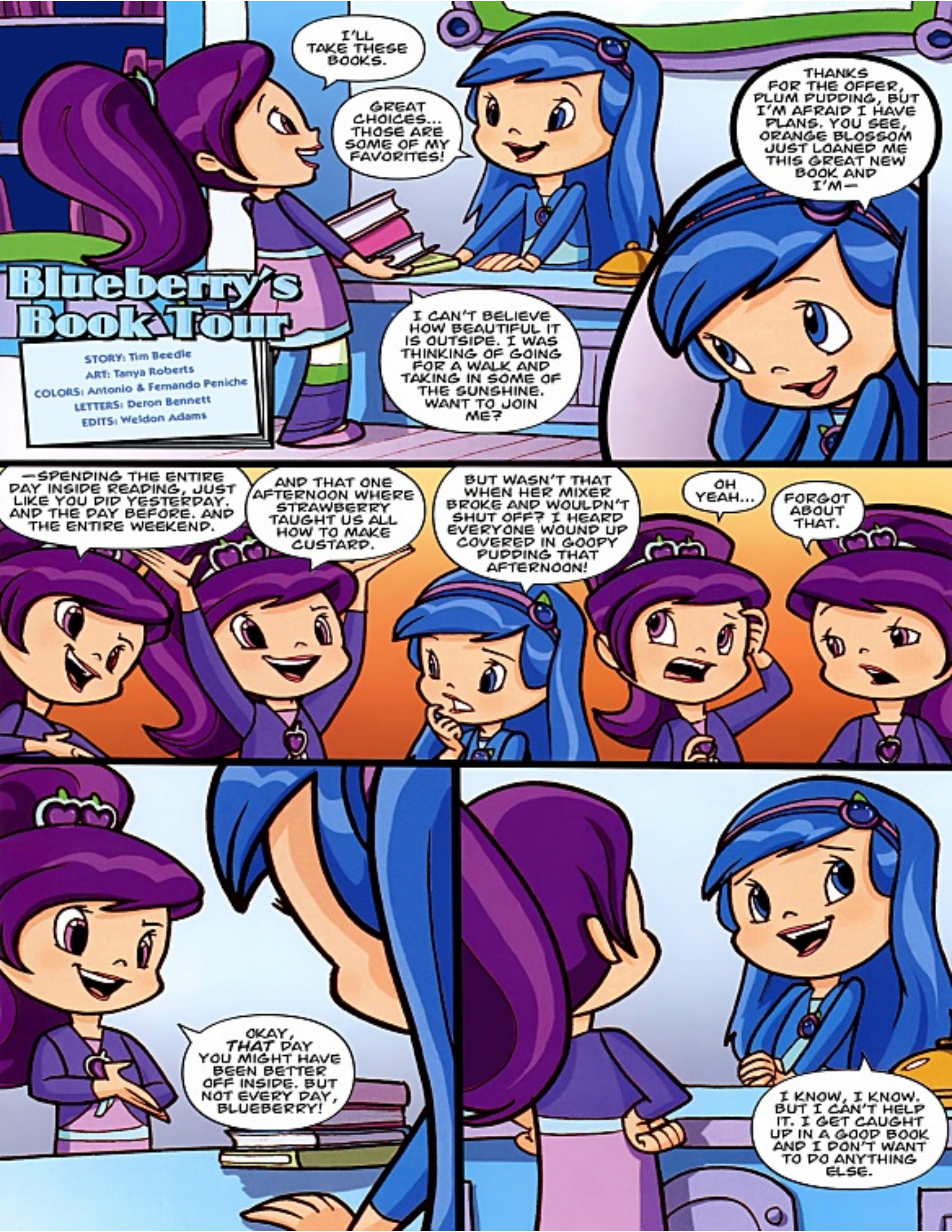
I KNOW THAT, BUT LOOK— THERE'S A CHEST OF SEASHELLS ON THE MAP, RIGHT WHERE WE FOUND ONE.
IF *THAT* CHEST WAS REAL, I BET THIS *TREASURE* IS REAL, TOO!

SOMETHING IS WRITTEN ON THE BOTTOM — MAYBE IT'S A CLUE!

"IF BLACKBERRY'S TREASURE IS WHAT YOU SEEK, RECITE THIS RHYME AND DON'T BE MEEK."
"FIRST FIND THE SEASHELLS, THEN LOOK TO THE WEST. A TRIPLE-TRUNKED TREE IS THE ONE YOU'LL LIKE BEST."
"GO NORTH THROUGH THE BRUSH, FORTY PACES AT LEAST. AT THE BOULDERS GO RIGHT, SO YOU'RE FACING DUE EAST."
"TAKE A HUNDRED MORE STEPS, BE SURE HOW YOU MEASURE. THEN GET TO DIGGING, AND YOU'LL FIND THE TREASURE."
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I THINK I SPEAK FOR EVERYONE WHEN I SAY...
...LET'S GO FIND SOME TREASURE!!!
THE NEXT MORNING...
"FIRST FIND THE SEASHELLS, THEN LOOK TO THE WEST..."
OVER THERE! A THREE-TRUNKED PALM TREE!
LET'S GO!

NOW TO HEAD NORTH!
TWENTY-TWO... TWENTY-THREE... TWENTY-FOUR...
...THIRTY-NINE... FORTY!
AND HERE ARE THE BOULDERS, JUST LIKE THE MAP SAYS! TIME TO HEAD EAST!
HOW BERRY EXCITING!
NINETY... NINETY-ONE... NINETY-TWO...
ALMOST THERE!
...ANNNNNNND ONE HUNDRED. WE'RE HERE!
LET'S DIG!
WHEW!


I THINK I FOUND IT!
OOF! IT'S HEAVY!
C'MON! WE CAN DO IT!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET READY TO SEE SOME...
...DOG TOYS?
THERE'S A NOTE!
"THIS BOOTY BELONGS TO MATEY, THE MOST FAITHFUL PUP A PIRATE COULD HOPE TO EVER HAVE. SIGNED, CAPTAIN BLACKBERRY."
ALL THAT WORK AND NO TREASURE!
I THINK THAT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU ASK!
The End


I'LL TAKE THESE BOOKS.
GREAT CHOICES... THOSE ARE SOME OF MY FAVORITES!
THANKS FOR THE OFFER, PLUM PUDDING, BUT I'M AFRAID I HAVE PLANS. YOU SEE, ORANGE BLOSSOM JUST LOANED ME THIS GREAT NEW BOOK AND I'M—
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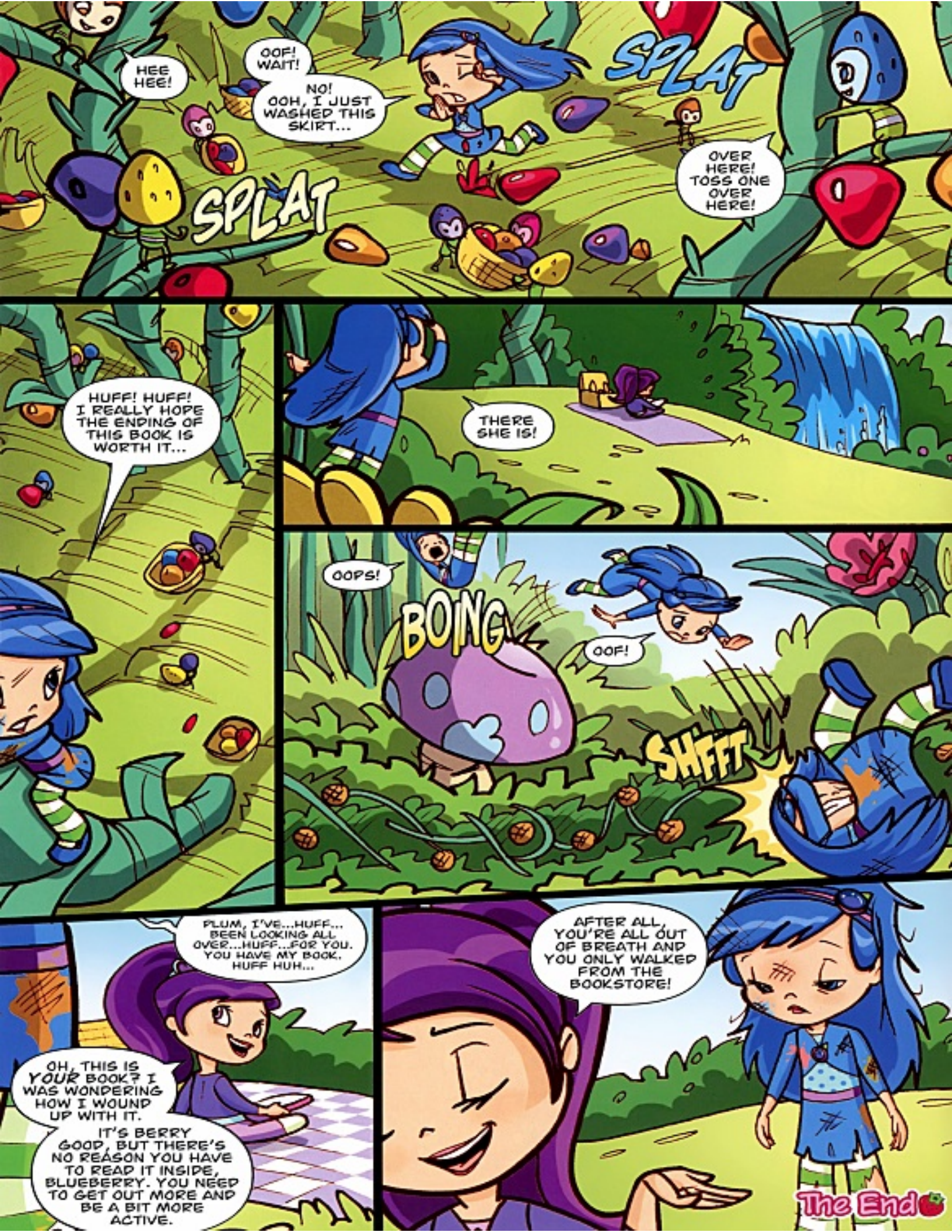
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS OUTSIDE. I WAS THINKING OF GOING FOR A WALK AND TAKING IN SOME OF THE SUNSHINE. WANT TO JOIN ME?
—SPENDING THE ENTIRE DAY INSIDE READING, JUST LIKE YOU DID YESTERDAY. AND THE DAY BEFORE. AND THE ENTIRE WEEKEND.
AND THAT ONE AFTERNOON WHERE STRAWBERRY TAUGHT US ALL HOW TO MAKE CUSTARD.
BUT WASN'T THAT WHEN HER MIXER BROKE AND WOULDN'T SHUT OFF? I HEARD EVERYONE WOUND UP COVERED IN GOOPY PUDDING THAT AFTERNOON!
OH YEAH...
FORGOT ABOUT THAT.
OKAY, THAT DAY YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF INSIDE. BUT NOT EVERY DAY, BLUEBERRY!
I KNOW, I KNOW. BUT I CAN'T HELP IT. I GET CAUGHT UP IN A GOOD BOOK AND I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING ELSE.

OKAY, BUT IF YOU ASK ME, YOU REALLY SHOULD GET OUTSIDE AND LIVE LIFE A LITTLE, INSTEAD OF JUST READING ABOUT IT IN BOOKS.
SEE YOU LATER!
SIGH... SHE'S RIGHT ABOUT IT BEING A NICE DAY. MAYBE I'LL STOP BY THE BERRY CAFÉ A BIT LATER. AFTER I'VE FINISHED MY—
IT'S GONE! PLUM MUST'VE GRABBED IT BY ACCIDENT!
PLUM, WAAAAIT!!!
SADIEBUG! KADIEBUG! HAVE YOU SEEN PLUM PUDDING?
BLUEBERRY MUFFIN, I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU! COULD YOU SETTLE SOMETHING FOR US?
I TOLD MY SISTER THAT HER SPOTS, WHILE LOVELY, ARE NOT QUITE AS LOVELY AS MINE, BUT SHE DOESN'T AGREE. SHE KEEPS INSISTING HERS ARE BETTER!
PLEASE TELL HER THAT I CLEARLY HAVE THE BETTER SPOTS.

THERE'S NOTHING CLEAR ABOUT YOUR SPOTS. THAT'S THE PROBLEM. THEY NEED A POLISH. MINE ARE MUCH NICER.
MINE ARE!
NO, MINE ARE!
I REALLY DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.
STRAWBERRY, HAVE YOU SEEN PLUM PUDDING?
NO, I HAVEN'T. YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK WITH CHERRY JAM.
...WAIT, SHE'S IN THE BERRY BITTY GROVE?
BUT IT'S HARVEST TIME!
SORRY, I HAVEN'T SEEN HER TODAY. YOU'RE COMING TO MY SHOW TONIGHT, RIGHT?
YES, I SAW PLUM JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO. SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO THE BERRY BITTY GROVE.
SAY, WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THAT BOOK I LET YOU BORROW?
ASK ME AGAIN LATER!


HEE HEE!
OOF! WAIT!
NO! OOH, I JUST WASHED THIS SKIRT...
SPLAT
SPLAT
OVER HERE! TOSS ONE OVER HERE!
HUFF! HUFF! I REALLY HOPE THE ENDING OF THIS BOOK IS WORTH IT...
THERE SHE IS!
OOPS!
BOING
OOF!
SHFFT
PLUM, I'VE...HUFF... BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER...HUFF...FOR YOU. YOU HAVE MY BOOK. HUFF HUH...
OH, THIS IS YOUR BOOK? I WAS WONDERING HOW I WOUND UP WITH IT.
IT'S BERRY GOOD, BUT THERE'S NO REASON YOU HAVE TO READ IT INSIDE, BLUEBERRY. YOU NEED TO GET OUT MORE AND BE A BIT MORE ACTIVE.
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE ALL OUT OF BREATH AND YOU ONLY WALKED FROM THE BOOKSTORE!
The End

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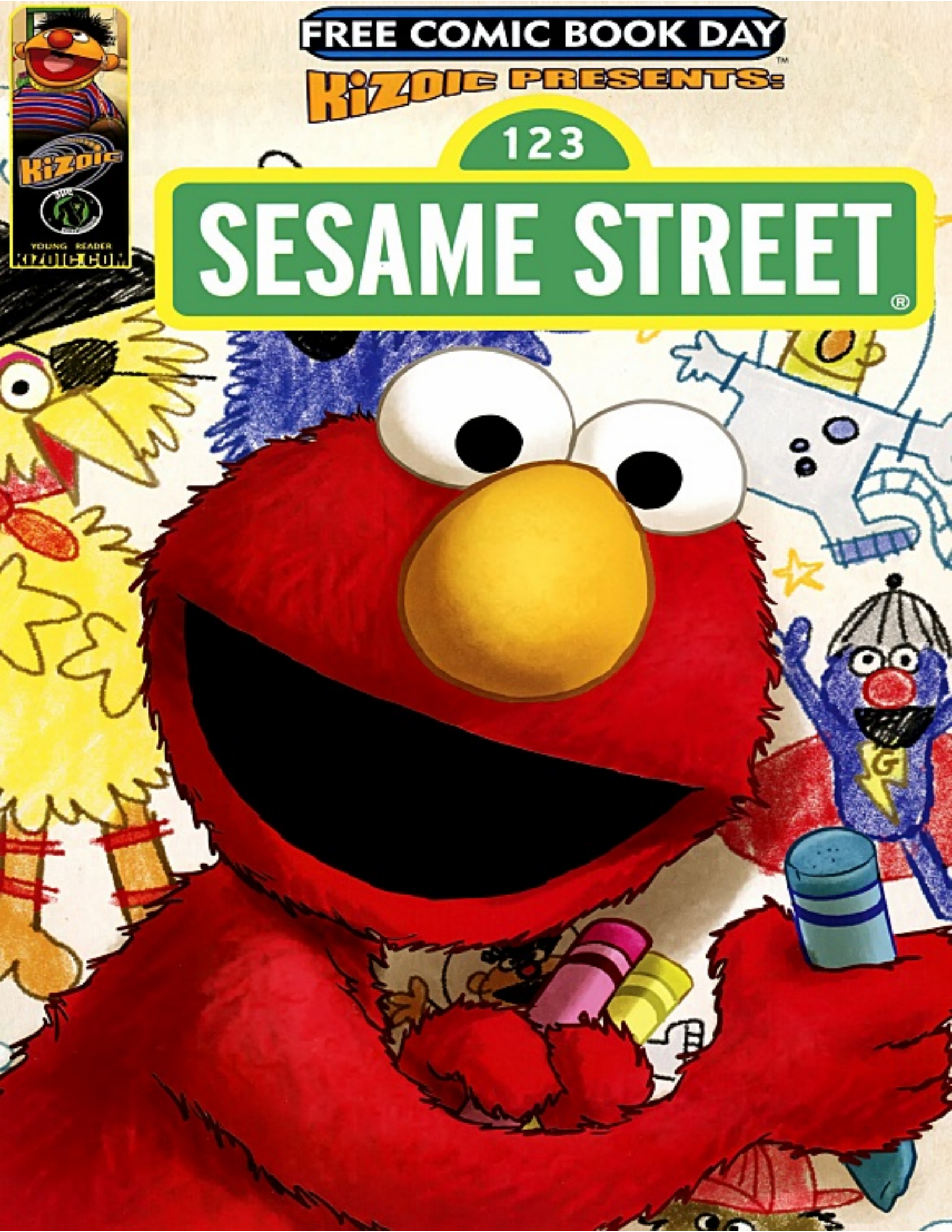
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A hero? I have not seen you in the skies.
Elmo and Super Grover fly in different circles.

I have not seen you running faster than a speedy choo-choo train.
Elmo takes the bus.

I have not seen you bend metal with your bare hands.
Elmo has not seen Super Grover do that either.

PIPE DOWN!

Wait a minute! I do not think there can be TWO super monsters in this story.
Why?
Hmmm. Well, I do not know.
I guess there CAN be more than one.
Do you have any super powers?

No. That's the problem. Elmo is just... Elmo.
Elmo can IMAGINE having super powers.
In Elmo's day dreams, Elmo soars through the air with the greatest of ease, saving climbing cats that get stuck in trees.
And when Elmo imagines what Super Elmo would be like, Elmo is riding atop a super-duper bike.

Elmo does not care if he helps only one...
EN
Or does something bigger by helping a ton!
Errr... that is your imagination, Elmo. What is your REAL super power?
SILENZIO!
Super Grover is right. Elmo is not a real hero.

No. No. No.
I did not mean to discourage you, my furry little friend. After all, it takes more than powers to be a hero.
It does?
Why, of course. Look over there...
LAUNDROMAT
TOP
Do you see anybody helping people?
Super Grover is right. Elmo sees heroes everywhere!

Being a hero is not about what's up here.
HA HA HA HA
Let us pretend like you did not see that.
Being a hero is about what's in here...

Thanks, Super Grover, For showing Elmo what makes a hero a hero.
No need to thank me, little one. It's all in a day's work for the world's most favorite, fastest, strongest, and smartest hero there...
...is.
WHAM
Why does that always happen?

Super Grover was right. Elmo doesn't need to be super fast or super strong to be super.
encore!

Elmo just has to have as super heart.

Ow.
Ow.
Ow.

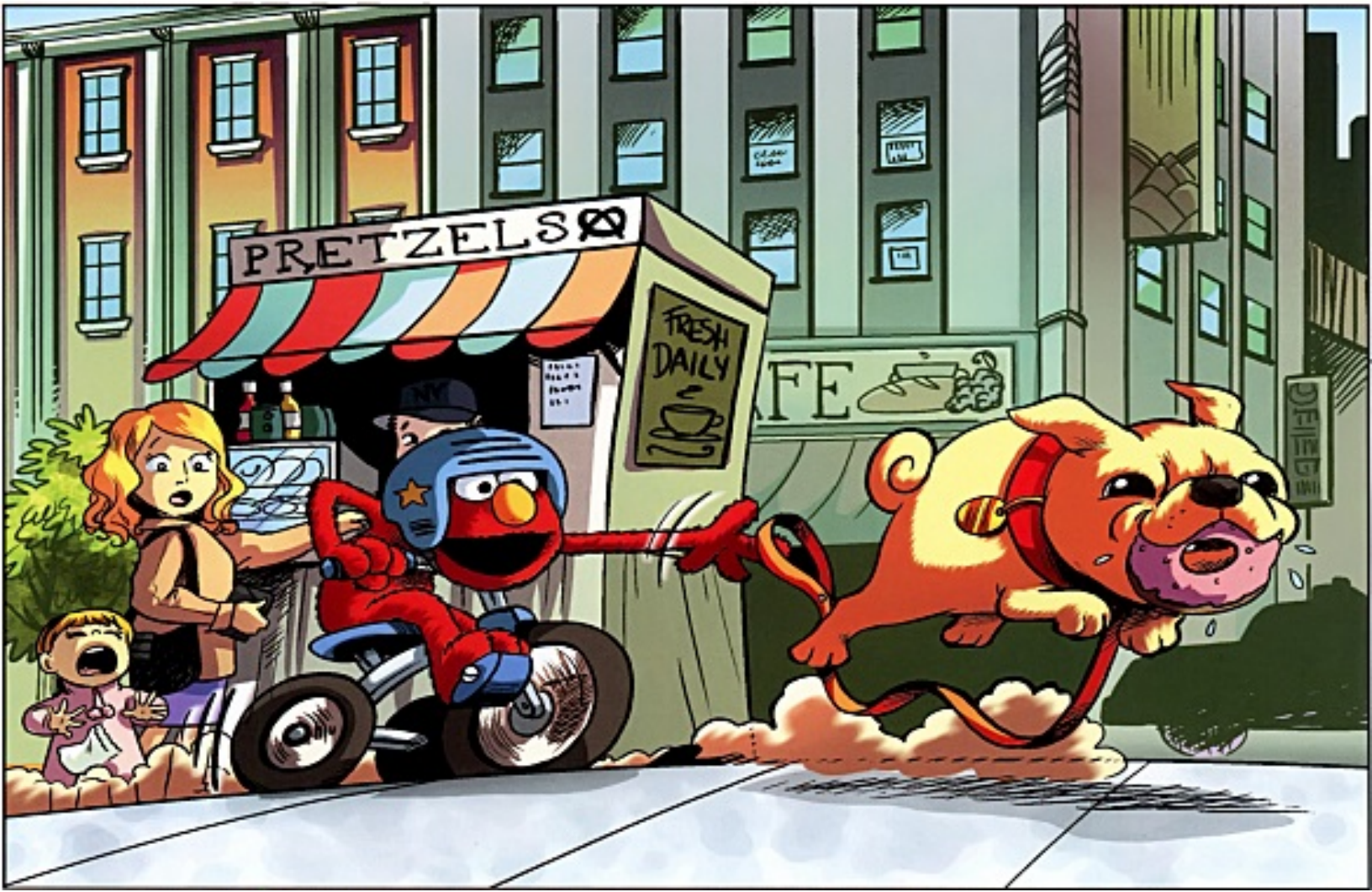
Elmo can help you, Super Grover.

You did it. You made my skinned knee feel better.

Thank you, my friend. You ARE a hero!

Elmo did it! Elmo became a hero after all!

Ooooh.... how else can Elmo be a hero?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Elmo is a hero after all. Imagine that!
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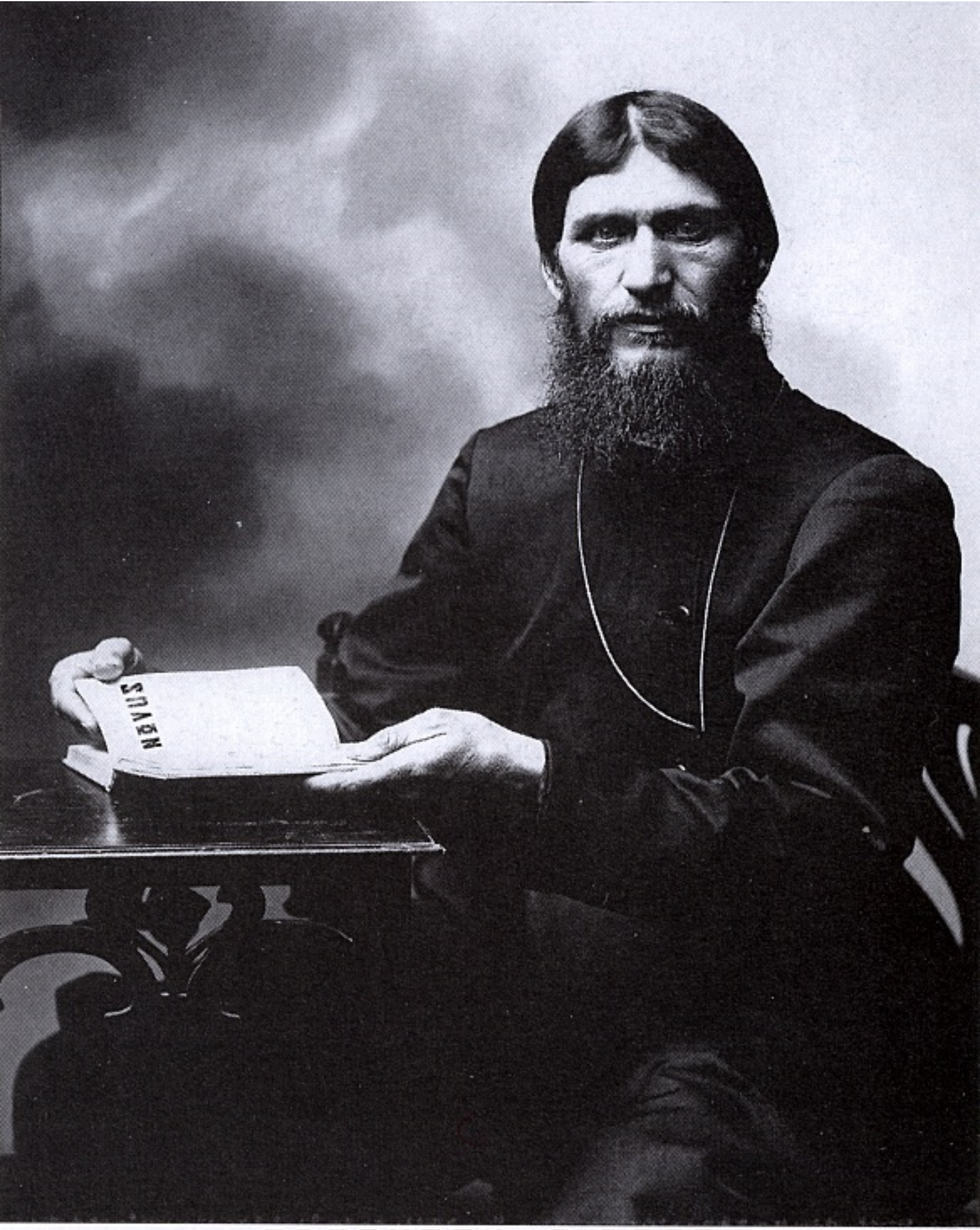

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